GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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PENSION TO RETIRED SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pension is paid to those retired sportspersons who have represented India in international events;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to enhance the pension amount in recognition of their contribution to Indian sports;and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS(DR. M. S. GILL)

(a)&(b): Yes,Sir.The outstanding and meritorious sportspersons or sportspersons living in indigent circumstances,are eligible for financial support under the Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons and Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons.

(c)&(d): The Government has enhanced the financial assistance with effect from 01.07.2008 to sportspersons,living under indigent circumstances and meritorious sportspersons,under the scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons and Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons,as per details given below:

(A) Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons

(i) Eligibility Ceiling for outstanding sportspersons in indigent circumstances revised from Rs.36,000 per annum to Rs.2.00 lakh per annum.

(ii) Assistance for fatal injury to sportsperson raised from Rs.1.00 lakh to Rs.5.00 lakh.

(iii) Assistance for sustaining injury other than a fatal injury enhanced from Rs.40,000 to Rs.2.00 lakh.

(iv) Pension for permanently incapacitated outstanding sportsperson increased from Rs.2500 per month to Rs.10,000 per month.

(v) Pension in other cases enhanced from Rs.2,000 per month to Rs.8,000 per month.

(vi) Assistance to families of indigent sportspersons increased from Rs.40,000 to Rs.2.00 lakh.

(vii) Assistance for medical treatment increased from Rs.40,000 to Rs.2.00 lakh.

(viii) Assistance to eminent coaches,referees and umpires enhanced from Rs.20,000 to Rs.50,000.

(B) Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons

The revised rates of pension after enhancement will be as follows:-

Category of meritorious Sportspersons	Pre-revised Pension (Rs./PM)	Revised Pension (Rs./PM)
Medalists at the Olympic Games	5000	10000

Gold Medalists at the World Cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	4000	8000
Silver and Bronze medalists at the World cup/World Championships in Olympic and Asian Games disciplines	3500	7000
Gold medalists of the Asian/ Commonwealth Games	3500	7000
Silver and Bronze medalists of the Asian/Commonwealth Games	3000	6000
Gold medalists of Para-Olympic Games	2500	5000
Silver medalists of Para-Olympic Games	2000	4000
Bronze medalists of Para-Olympic Games	1500	3000